IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

STEPHEN EIMERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of HANNAH EIMERS, Deceased,)))
Plaintiff,))
v.	Case No
VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. a foreign corporation; VALMONT HIGHWAY, a foreign corporation; ARMORFLEX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, a foreign corporation; LINDSAY CORPORATION, a foreign corporation; LINDSAY TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION SALES & SERVICE LLC, a foreign corporation; and REYNOLDS FENCE & GUARDRAIL, INC., a foreign corporation,)))
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants Lindsay Corporation, Lindsay Transportation Solutions Sales & Service, LLC ("LTSSS"), and Lindsay Transportation Solutions Inc. f/k/a Barrier Systems, Inc. (collectively, "Lindsay"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, *et seq.*, hereby remove this action originally filed in state court to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and allege as follows:

1. On January 24, 2019, Plaintiff Stephen Eimers filed an action entitled *Stephen Eimers, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Hannah Eimers, Deceased v. Valmont Industries, et al.*, in the Circuit Court for McMinn County, Tennessee.¹ The three Lindsay entities filing this Notice are named as defendants in such action. None of these defendants has

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¹ Mr. Eimers previously filed this action in McMinn County Circuit Court on October 24, 2017, which case was removed to this Court on December 27, 2017 (Case No. 1:17-cv-00356). On January 19, 2018, Mr. Eimers filed a Motion for Voluntary Dismissal, and the case was dismissed without prejudice by Order entered February 5, 2018.

been served with process as of the filing of this Notice. To date, the only document on file with the state court is Plaintiff's Complaint, a true and accurate copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1. Thus, no return of service on any defendant has been filed in state court. Although pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(b)(2)(A), no consent to removal is necessary from an unserved defendant, counsel for Lindsay has confirmed with counsel for Defendants Valmont Industries, Inc., Valmont Highway, and Armorflex International Limited and counsel for Defendant Reynolds Fence & Guardrail, Inc. that all of those defendants consent to removal of this action to this

to 28 U.S.C. §1441, in that Plaintiff Stephen Eimers is a resident of Loudon County, Tennessee,

On its face, the case stated by the Complaint is removable to this Court pursuant

and none of the defendants is organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, nor has its

principal place of business in the State of Tennessee. One defendant, LTSSS, is a limited liability

company organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business in

Nebraska. The sole member of LTSSS is Lindsay Sales Holding Company, LLC, which is also

organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business in

Nebraska. Lindsay Sales Holding Company, LLC's sole member is Lindsay Corporation, a

corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business

in Nebraska.

Court.²

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3. The above-described action is a civil action of which this Court has original

jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1332 and is one which may be removed to

this Court by Lindsay pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441, in that complete diversity

of citizenship exists between the parties. In addition, Plaintiff is seeking damages in the amount

² Lindsay counsel communicated with counsel who represented these defendants in the original case filed by Mr.

Eimers in 2017.

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of \$5,000,000, such that the matter in controversy exceeds, exclusive of interest and costs, the sum of \$75,000. Therefore, this Court has original jurisdiction over this action.

- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Lindsay will (1) file a copy of this Notice of Removal with the Circuit Court for McMinn County, Tennessee, (2) provide prompt notice to Plaintiff of removal, and (3) file proof of all notices and filings with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. A copy of the Notice to be filed with the Circuit Court for McMinn County, Tennessee is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 5. By filing this Notice of Removal, Lindsay does not waive any defense that may be available to it.

WHEREFORE, Lindsay gives notice that the above action now pending against it in the Circuit Court for McMinn County, Tennessee, has been removed therefrom to this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN, CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ, P.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been

provided via electronic mail and U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:

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this 15th day of February, 2019.

s/ Brigid M. Carpenter

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